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Dear Friends,

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.⁵⁵ O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Have you ever considered the duration of the twinkling of an eye? (Twinkle, as it is used here, is a synonym for “blink.”) How long does it take to blink? However you may measure it, it’s very fast. When Christ returns to the earth again it will take that amount of time for us to be changed to be like Him. This is how complete His victory over sin, death and the devil is; there’s no agonizing or prolonged process but a change in a moment. The victory is Christ’s and when He returns we will receive the full benefit of His victory in an instant.

The ancient church fathers understood this reality and they lived their lives in reflection of it. In their awareness of the finished work of Christ they had a clear sense of eternity, that everything would change in a moment but once the change was complete there would be an eternity of unchangeableness. Right now times in our world are difficult, budgets are strained, political situations are in flux, there are conflicts all around us and the future, in the estimation of many, is bleak and uncertain. Sadly that simply shows that the world has the wrong view of reality. The fathers had the right one; they knew that the times were always in God’s hands and they also knew that they themselves were held preciously in those same, mighty hands. They lived in the assurance of the promise of a day that would be brighter than the finite mind could imagination and with that day in mind they persevered through tribulation.

May God grant us to sense the power of His hands that uphold us even now, the hands from which “no man is able to pluck” us. (John 10:29) “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

God’s Peace,
Jay Weidner



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Service Schedule – 7 p.m.**

February

8th – Travis Seppala @ Painesdale
15th – Marc Tumberg @ Seminary
22th – Dennis Hannu @ Zion

March

1st – Travis Seppala @ Laurium
8th – Marc Tumberg @ S. Range
15th – Dennis Hannu @ Painesdale
22nd – Travis Seppala @ Seminary
29th – Marc Tumberg @ Zion

April

5th – Dennis Hannu @ Laurium
12th Easter – No Service
19th – Travis Seppala @ S. Range
26th – Marc Tumberg @ Painesdale

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